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INCREASE IN IMPORT DUE TO DELAY ON THE PART OF DRDO
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DRDO have failed to keep the deadline in respect of developing the weapon systems;

(b) if so, whether this delay on the part of DRDO have resulted in enormous increase in imports of defence items;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps the Government propose to take to modernise the DRDO?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAMRAJU)

(a) DRDO undertakes development of high technologyweapon systems with time frame set by the users. DRDOhas generally delivered systems in time. However, in some cases despite best efforts, there have been some delays due to a number of factors like technological complexity and sanctions imposed by the advanced nations.

(b) & (c): No, Sir. However, DRDO has not come inthe way of procurement of urgent needs of the Services from within the country or abroad.

(d) Modernisation of DRDO is an ongoing activity. Government have allocated adequate funds for this purpose.